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Applicant: Tojo et al.
Serial Number: 08/627,270
U.S. Filing Date: April 4, 1996
Group Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: J. Gorski
Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment-D, dated November 17, 1999, applicant additionally responds to questions posed by the Examiner, as follows.

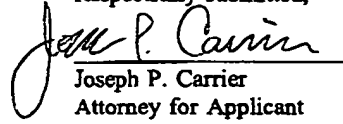
1. With regards to applicant's knowledge of the manner in which small parts are coated with a strippable paint, as discussed in the Background section of the present application, it is applicant's belief that the strippable paint has been applied to the small parts using a paint brush.
2. With regards to applicant's knowledge of information relating to assembly of small, coated parts, applicant notes US Patent 5,542,699. Copy Enclosed.
3. Applicant is not aware of any prior art teaching preliminary and non-preliminary drying steps/means.

Applicant again respectfully submits that all of the present claims are patentably distinct over all of the references of record, based on those reasons set forth in Amendment-

D.

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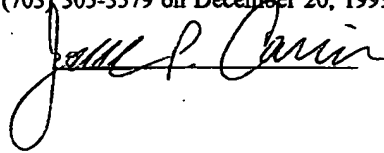
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